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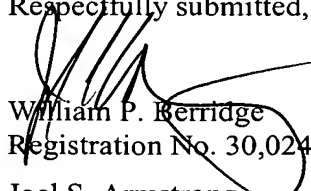
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- ☒ 3. References were 1-6 cited in the International Search Report. An English language version of the International Search Report is attached for the Examiner's information. Copies of the references are attached hereto.
- ☒ 4. English language Abstracts of the non-English language References 1-7 are attached hereto.
- ☒ 5. Computer-generated English language translations of the following Japanese Patent Publications have been obtained from the website of the Japanese Patent Office ([<http://www.jpo.go.jp>]), and are attached, but have not been reviewed for accuracy. See References 1-7.

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